

Just so far as *Jesus* is the author and finisher of our faith will we have "one faith."

What need have we for a better argument that feet washing is a church ordinance than John xiii, 12-15, read it and see.

If Christ, the author and finisher of our faith, says "wash one another's feet," is not that man presumptuous who says, "you need not do so?"

If the wisdom which is from above led Christ and the Apostles to wash one another's feet, do we err when we say that same wisdom will lead us to follow their example?

"Faith without works is dead". Brother, is your faith alive, or is it your opinion that is alive? Faith takes God at his word, but opinion substitutes something else more agreeable to the carnal nature.

Differences in opinion on the essentials and non-essentials of the Bible arise, not from that Book or its author. God's word is the same, no matter in what clime. Human legislation cannot amend nor change God's law.

Pardon is not purchased by forms and ceremonies; yet we must conclude there is power in them or our Lord would not have been so careful to observe them. Christ's authority puts power in his commands and examples provided we look beyond the human up to the Divine.

Does not a command and example make an institution plain and positive? Baptism and feet washing have both the command and example of the Savior. If we set aside His command to be baptized and wash feet what right have we to claim Christ for our Lord and Master?

Jesus may be the author of our faith but not the finisher. For example, we may believe that he said "ye ought to wash one another's feet." We admit the authority of those words—but we will not let him be the finisher by believing that he means we shall wash feet. Paul, says, "Faith without works is dead."

As we have now fully launched out in church work here, we desire to meet every member who belongs to this congregation at preaching in the chapel of the College at 11 A. M. Come early, so that we can shake hands and get acquainted before services. Bring Bibles and Gospel hymns, No. 5. We need both.

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Christ does not say, "Ye ought to wash one another's feet because it is an ancient custom belonging to the courteous entertainment of strangers," but he does say, "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet." "I have given you an example." "If ye know these things happy are ye if ye do them."

LaGrippe for ten days past weakened our nerves so much that we had to avoid all reading possible, thus preventing the preparation of the article on Conferences—past and present, which we promised for this issue. The same cause prevented us from giving attention to some other important matters.

Angry with his brother.—The Apostle Paul gives explicit instructions about how to treat our enemies: "If thine enemy hunger feed him; if he thirst give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head." Is this the way you treat him? Or do you try your fist? If the latter how can you "escape the damnation of hell?"

If you do not want what you send to us to go into the paper, please write at head of your communication, "No part of this for publication," and your wish will be sacredly regarded. Remember an editor has a ravenous appetite for something that will entertain, instruct, encourage and help his readers, and unless fully warned against it is liable to publish anything falling into his hands.

A great many people, groping in the dark religiously, imagine that it is some great book or teacher they need to lighten up the way towards the better land. How short-sighted and thoughtless! All the knowledge that any man or book can impart regarding the future is borrowed from the Bible. All the accumulated scholarship of the ages are as a drop to the ocean of what the Bible will reveal to the meditative prayerful inquirer. The Bible is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our pathway.

A G. B. Brethren minister who has grown tired of enforcing the rules of Annual Meeting asks us to send an evangelist to assist in organizing a church of the Brethren. writes the elder there says the Brethren church is waning. Such a statement rests solely upon the man's ignorance or maliciousness. His honest and well informed brethren do not talk that way. Locally our churches are having unprecedented success. Only in an associated capacity has our work dragged. Once our Brotherhood shall focus on general work she will immediately make a record as creditable to herself as she has already done locally. For local work fifteen to twenty thousand dollars are raised annually. In ten years one hundred and thirty to one hundred and forty thousand dollars have been expended on church buildings. Now that these are built we can expect greater interest and liberality toward Missions, Publishing House and College.

The Master says: "Love your enemies, and pray for them that persecute you." Have you this type of religion? Is your bearing toward your enemies in harmony with this commandment of God? Can you pass this test? If you have an enemy can you remember when you poured out your heart to God in earnest prayer to bless him? God graciously sends his rain and sunshine upon the evil as well as the good. If God with his infinite wisdom sees fit to deal thus lovingly with those who spurn his goodness what are we that we should retaliate?

Perhaps you would think us very bitter if we should tell you that because you hate some brother or sister that you are no Christian; but John says more than this: "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him." 1 John iii, 16. According to this we fear a great many will be barred out of Heaven; for murderers shall have their part in the lake of fire where there is weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth. If you, then dear reader, are harboring a spirit of hatred toward any one be assured now that your back is turned toward Heaven, and your course is toward the abyss of woe.

An exchange publishes an interview of a New York man in the "social swim" of the metropolis from whom the following figures are obtained in regard to bill of expenses: The party interviewed said it costs from \$50,000 to \$100,000 per year. The church pew costs from \$300 to \$500 and the opera box \$5,000 for the season. For receptions a prima donna costs \$500 to \$1,000 per night. "The servants are important. There must be a butler, with one or two assistants; a chef, with assistant; a lady's maid for each female member of the family; two laundresses, at least two chambermaids, a governess for the children, a coachman, a footman, tutors for languages and music and two stablemen." So far as really good times are concerned, we cannot look for them so long as more money is spent for intoxicants and the punishment of the criminals it makes than for all the food of the nation; more money spent for tobacco than for bread; and in supporting about a thousand families at an expense of \$50,000 a year. For illustration, suppose a family of father, mother, six sons and six daughters represent the population of the nation. Let this family spend more for intoxicants and the care of the intoxicated than for all of their food; more for tobacco than for bread; and then out of the earnings of the family give to one son and one daughter a large per cent of what all the rest earned. Take a good look at this family then and you will see our nation. What our nation wants with a lot of money lords is more than we can understand. This condition makes a hundred anarchists where their literature and harangues make one. The theory that the strong man should have a profit on the weak man's earnings does not look to us as either scriptural or philosophical. In law every man should bear his own burden.